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Infectious diseases.

Week ended October 5, 1905:

Smallpox.—Six cases at Terranova (Caltanissetta), 1 at Catania, 2 at Troia (Catania), and 1 at Segni (Rome).

Measles.—Very few cases in all provinces are reported.

Scarlatina.—Twenty-four cases at Cammarata, 8 at San Giovanni Geninis, in the province of Girgenti, 19 at Piazza Armenia (Caltanissetta), 12 at Centuripe, and 6 at Catenianova (Catania).

Enteric fever.—Fifty cases at Rome and 42 at Milan. The malady is still widely spread in all provinces.

Diphtheria.—Cases were reported in the provinces of Belluno, Arezzo, Catania, Milan, and Girgenti.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis.—Three cases at San Elpidio a Mare (Areoli Pireno) and 1 at Mistretta (Messina).

Week ended October 12, 1905, the returns are as follows:

Smallpox.—One case at Lodi (Milan), 1 at Genoa, 2 at Catania, and 2 at Troina (Catania).

Measles and scarlatina.—Very few cases in all provinces.

Enteric fever.—Still widely spread and prevailing in the cities of Milan and Rome.

Diphtheria.—Several cases in the provinces of Belluno and Catania.

Malarial diseases.—A great number of cases in the provinces of Rome, Novara, and Milan.

Anthrax.—Three cases at Prezzo (Aquilo).

Cerebro-spinal meningitis.—Two cases each in the provinces of Chieti and Avellino.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Communicable diseases—Comparative statistics of the prevalence of dysentery.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, September 30, as follows:

During the week ended September 23, 4 steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 516 crew and 858 passengers were inspected prior to the issuance of bills of health; 288 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected; 574 aliens, intending steerage passengers to the United States, were examined with special reference to their freedom from any loathsome or dangerous contagious disease contemplated by the immigration laws of the United States.

Sanitary conditions in Yokohama show no marked change. Reports of communicable diseases in this city have been received at the consulate-general as follows: For the week ended September 3, 1905, enteric fever, 2 cases, 2 deaths; diphtheria, no cases, 1 death; dysentery, 2 cases, 1 death. For the week ended September 10: Enteric fever, 3 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 3 cases, no deaths; dysentery, 1 case, no deaths. For the week ended September 17: Enteric fever, 5 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 6 cases, 1 death; dysentery, 3 cases, no deaths.

No new cases of plague are reported in Kobe and the authorities seem to have the situation well in hand. A report of plague in Kobe for the week ended September 23 is published as follows: New cases, 1, recovered 1, deaths 3, under treatment 3.

November 8, 1905

Dysentery has been prevalent in various districts in Japan during the present year. The total number of cases and deaths from this cause during the period January 1 to September 5, 1905, with the figures for the corresponding period of last year, are given as follows: 1905, 20,917 cases, 4,002 deaths; 1904, 11,498 cases, 2,165 deaths.

Dysentery has been particularly prevalent in the neighborhood of Osaka. In Yokohama cases of dysentery have not been unusually numerous, while Kobe has suffered quite severely.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, September 17, 1905, for rejection: For Honolulu, 10. Per steamship *America Maru*, October 1, 1905: For Honolulu, 10; for San Francisco, 2. Per steamship *Minnesota*, October 6, 1905, 20.

Report from Kobe—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, October 4, as follows:

Month of September, 1905:

September 5, steamship *Iyo Maru*, for Seattle, 6; September 14, steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, 2; September 20, steamship *Coptic*, for Honolulu, 14; September 22, steamship *Kanagawa Maru*, for Seattle 7; September 27, steamship *China*, for Manila, 4; September 27, steamship *America Maru*, for Honolulu, 11.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Mortality—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, October 16, as follows:

Period from October 3 to 16, 1905: No quarantinable diseases here or in Merida. Deaths have occurred in Progreso from the following named causes: Paludal anæmia, alcoholic cerebral congestion, intestinal infection, gastro-enteritis, chronic enteritis, athrepsia, infectious gastro-enteritis; total, 7. Steamers, 10, and sailing vessels, 1, have been dispatched, carrying 350 crew and 145 passengers; of these vessels 6 were fumigated.

The sanitary conditions are unchanged.

Report from Tampico—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortality statistics—Malarial fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, October 23, as follows:

Week ended October 21, 1905:

October 15: Fumigated and passed the British steamship *Wearside*, bound for Norfolk via Perth Amboy, in a cargo of lead and copper bullion, with 26 in the crew. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *City of Tampico*, bound for New Orleans via Veracruz, in general cargo, and with 22 in the crew, 4 first-class and 1 second-class passenger. Fumigated and passed the Norwegian steamship *Norheim*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, in a small cargo of ixtle, with